



## RLRI Southeastern 2024 Program Summary – University of Georgia

FRIDAY 2/23

(UGA Veterinary Educational Center: 2200 College Station Rd, Athens, GA)

**CVM Staff Hosts @ UGA: Drs. Nancy Moore, Lee Myers & Lauren Charles and Mr. Ryan Jeffers**

Introductions/Welcome 7:30pm Drs. Nancy Moore & Lauren Charles

Evening Charge/Round Tables 8:00pm

### **“Unity: Made In God’s Image” – Dr. Mary Peter**

God is three in one (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). We were made in His image but alone we cannot fully reflect Him, since He Himself is three in one. In the same way, alone, we cannot fully reflect who God is... Only when we are *unified* in the spirit and in fellowship can we reflect who God is.

### **“Discussion on Unity” Round Tables – Various CVM leaders**

Brief guided questions to launch reflection in small groups.

Worship 9:00pm

SATURDAY 2/24

(UGA Livestock Instructional Arena: 2600 S Milledge Avenue, Athens, GA)

Welcome 8:30am

### **“We are CVM!” – Dr. Lee Myers**

Embrace a warm welcome from CVM’s CEO

Session One & Two Begins 8:30am

### **“Sermon On The Mount” – Dr. Lew Sterrett**

When you attend the Sermon On The Mount event, you will have the uplifting opportunity to watch an amazing man, Dr. Lew Sterrett, address the heart issues of one or more horses while he reaches into your own heart. For over 30 years Dr. Lew has combined his expertise as a professional horse trainer, a certified youth and family counselor, a licensed pastor, and a successful business executive to produce one of the most unique events in the Christian realm. As he trains the horse, you will

vividly see yourself, your spouse, your child, your co-worker or employer. The needs of the heart will be clearly illustrated and the steps to meeting those needs will be evidenced as the horse overcomes his resistance to change and finds success and fulfillment in his relationship with the trainer. As a relationship specialist, Dr. Lew has lived and understands real life issues, accurate and truthful solutions, and clear application for daily living. If you are tired of status quo living and are looking for gut-level truth and development of core values based on truth from the Word of God, you don't want to miss this one-of-a-kind event. You will find yourself fascinated even if you don't like or understand horses. You will feel encouraged, focused, and challenged to greater excellence in your life. You will clearly see the simple steps of application for your complex life issues resulting in a positive effect, both now and for future generations.

### Intercession

Session Three & Four                      Ends 12:00pm

#### **“Sermon On The Mount” - Dr. Lew Sterrett**

Continued Sermon On The Mount event

**SATURDAY 2/24**

**(UGA Veterinary Educational Center: 2200 College Station Rd, Athens, GA)**

Lunch

12:30pm

Session A

2:30pm

#### **“Living In The Sweet Spot: A Visual Lesson in Obedience” – Bliss Steele**

What it means to be in an obedient and submissive relationship with Jesus. Using dogs as an illustration, Bliss combines Biblical truths with practical application to show the power of obedience and how it can transform your life in Christ. A Reflection on John 10:10.

#### **“Testimony of Salvation: Agnostic to Servant of the Lord” – Dr. Mitsie Vargas**

Dr. Vargas shares her testimony of how being a mother of a suicidal kid transformed her from “a self-made, agnostic, independent, know-it-all to a humble servant of the Lord.” Come hear her story that includes beginning roots in a poor, dysfunctional family leading into a determination for success including achieving her DVM. She shares how God was with her all along yet confesses she did not put Him first. Instead, she was “a workaholic determined to be the best.” When her firstborn was diagnosed “in-the-spectrum,” Dr. Vargas paused... However, when clinical depression developed in her daughter, as a mom, Dr. Vargas embarked in a journey to “FIX IT.” God worked first in Dr. Vargas, followed by tragedy striking though the Lord spared her daughter. This showed Dr. Vargas how God is faithful. She is now a humble servant of the Lord.

#### **“Bringing Hope to the Hopeless: Stories of Native American Ministry” – Jordan (Linahan) Clark & Curtis Clark**

Brought together by CVM, a UGA vet alum and missionary tell stories of Native American ministry. From horses stuck in cattle guards to battling hopelessness in youth, they will share how God is

moving in the White Mountain Apache people. This talk will hopefully inspire you to surrender to God's plan for your life, which is immeasurably better than our own.

#### Session B

3:30pm

##### ***Professors & New Grad Panel***

What Do New Grads and Professors see essential for graduates? Join a group of vet school professors and recent graduates to ask questions and hear from them about what hasn't surprised the professors but maybe has surprised the new grads starting out in the real world.

##### ***Does God Still Miraculously Heal? – Dr. Nancy Moore, Pastor Tim Rupard, & Laurel Tipps***

A Case Report: The Winston Story. When was the last time you were challenged to stand on Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever"? What if this meant a conflict amongst your professional peers or even fellow believers? Is your ministry any different than how Jesus sent out His Twelve Disciples in Matthew 10:8 "Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give..." If someone claims to have performed, witnessed, or been part of a miraculous healing today then what criteria should there be to accept such a claim? In other words, what would it take for a modern-day healing miracle to be accepted as valid? How could we confirm such an event? Join in this case report review...

##### ***Short-Term Missions Panel***

Why wait? How about going now! Join a group of experienced STM leaders to ask questions and hear from them about what STM is all about!

#### Session C

4:30pm

##### ***“Dealing With Challenges: Are You a Mature Watermelon?” – Dr. Patty Scharko***

Veterinary Medicine Wellness and Beyond... Our faith gets “thumped” by several things: Challenging circumstances, unexpected delays, and difficult people... Our profession faces vet-burnout and new grad turnover rates. How can you become a mature watermelon? Daily attitudes and actions will be discussed with interactions between participants.

##### ***“Leadership Lessons from the Bible for Veterinarian Parents” – Dr. Amy Piper & Moms Panel***

Some days as a full-time veterinarian and full-time parent you feel like Moses leading the Israelites through the desert... As it turns out, there are many lessons we can learn from Moses, Noah, Joseph and others that can help with our everyday struggles. Being an empathetic and skilled leader in our veterinary practices can help point our coworkers to the Lord. Learn from some of the great leaders in the Bible and get practical tools to help you be a better leader and parent. Join a group of experienced moms in leadership roles to ask questions and hear from them about what this dual role is all about!

##### ***Going: Long-Term Missions Panel***

Hear from those who have gone before you! Join a group of experienced LTM servants to ask questions and hear from them about what LTM is all about!

#### Vet School Olympics

5:30pm

**Enjoy Competing as Teams, Laughing Together, and Celebrating Animals, Relationships, and Vetmed – Led by Drs. Sara Croft, Dustin Weaver, Pastor Bliss Steele and more...**

Ready, Set, Go! Come enjoy rotating table stations that are creative and fun. Laugh at your professors, colleagues, relatives, and friends. All ages are welcome. How fast can you bandage challenging legs of equine patients? Do you know what your State Vet knows? What should your team know?! Even see how fast your team can learn a few tricks in dog training!

Dinner 6:30pm

Evening Challenge 7:45pm

**“Casting Out Darkness” – Dr. Nancy Moore**

Jesus is the Life, Jesus is the Lamb, Jesus is the New Temple... The Bible tells us in John 1:4-5 "In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." Let's launch from RLRI with a few things in mind: Our value is in the Creator who made us; Our empowerment is by the Victorious Savior who loves us; and our confident future is lit by faith, not by sight...

Worship and Prayer 8:30pm

**Sunday 2/25**

Visit Area Churches and announced STM team informational breakfast fellowships.

